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SUBJECT: SOVIET VIEWS ON FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR SATELLITE
VERIFICATION AGENCY

1. ISSRAELYAN ASKED TO SEE WEILER (US REP) JUNE 19. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY SOVIET VIEWS ON FRENCH SATELLITE OBSERVATION PROPOSAL. HE SAID SOVIETS FROM THE BEGINNING HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT FRENCH PROPOSAL. WHEN TAITTINGER HAD VISITED MOSCOW, HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT IF THE FRENCH WANTED ANY SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL, THEY SHOULD SUPPLY MORE DETAILS. ISSRAELYAN SAID HE ASSUMED THAT THE FRENCH WORKING PAPER SUBMITTED TO THE SSOD WAS AN EFFORT TO RESPOND TO THE SOVIET OBSERVATION. HE SAID SOVIETS HAD HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE FRENCH ON THIS SUBJECT SINCE THE MOSCOW DISCUSSION.

2. ISSRAELYAN SAID SOVIETS DO NOT WANT TO GET INTO A SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THE FRENCH PROPOSAL AT THE SSOD AND THAT THIS WAS NOT AN APPROPRIATE TIME OR PLACE TO HAVE A FIGHT WITH THEM ON THIS TOPIC. SOVIETS BELIEVE THAT THE
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BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH THE FRENCH PROPOSAL IS TO PLACE IT IN THE CONTEXT OF ALL OTHER INITIATIVES SUBMITTED TO THE SSOD ON WHICH NO CONSENSUS EXISTS. SOVIETS BELIEVE THAT IN A MORE GENERAL PROGRAM OF ACTION THAT MIGHT BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS THERE SHOULD BE A SECTION THAT WOULD, WITHOUT REFERRING TO ANY SPECIFIC INITIATIVE, WELCOME THE MANY INTERESTING AND VALUABLE PROPOSALS THAT HAD BEEN

SUBMITTED TO THE SSOD BUT SAY THAT TIME HAD NOT PERMITTED FULL CONSIDERATION OF THESE MANY PROPOSALS. ALL SUCH PROPOSALS WOULD BE ANNEXED TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT. THE SECTION WOULD ASK THE SYG TO TRANSMIT ALL THE ATTACHED PROPOSALS TO THE APPROPRIATE NEGOTIATING AND DELIBERATIVE BODIES ON DISARMAMENT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

3. ISSRAELYAN SAID THE SOVIETS WERE NOT PREPARED TO AGREE ON ANY EXPERT BODY TO STUDY THE FRENCH PROPOSAL. HE SAID ALSO THAT THEY DID NOT FAVOR DEALING WITH THE FRENCH PROPOSAL BY AGREEING TO HAVE THE SYG SOLICIT VIEWS OF MEMBER STATES ON THE PROPOSAL; HE SAID THIS WOULD SET A PRECEDENT, SINCE MANY OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD WANT THEIR PROPOSALS TREATED SIMILARLY AND WE WOULD END UP WITH "A MESS."

4. WEILER NOTED THAT THE SOVIET PROPOSED METHOD OF DEALING WITH THE FRENCH PROPOSAL FITTED IN WITH AN IDEA OF HOW TO TREAT NON-CONSENSUS PROPOSALS GENERALLY THAT HAS BEEN CIRCULATING AROUND THE CORRIDORS IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. ISSRAELYAN AGREED AND SAID THAT SOVIETS THOUGHT THAT IN DEALING WITH FRENCH PROPOSAL WE SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE "ONLY WAY OUT" FOR NON-CONSENSUS PROPOSALS IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION GENERALLY. HE ADDED THAT SOVIET PROPOSALS WOULD BE TREATED THE SAME WAY, SINCE THERE DID NOT SEEM TO BE A CONSENSUS ON MOST OF THEM. LEONARD
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